IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring an image handling ~~at least one network~~ device communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:

obtaining, by a first monitoring device ~~computer~~ over the network, device information of the image handling ~~at least one network~~ device, the device information including (1) status information obtained from sensors of the image handling ~~at least one network~~ device, and (2) a device identification of the image handling device;

storing, by the first monitoring device, the obtained device information;

processing the stored device information by the first monitoring device to generate a period usage report for the ~~at least one network~~ image handling device, wherein the period usage report is based on the status information obtained over a predetermined period of time;

transmitting the usage report over the network from the first monitoring device ~~computer~~ to a second ~~computer~~ monitoring device; and

receiving the usage report by the second monitoring device ~~computer~~,

wherein the first ~~computer~~ monitoring device is remote from the image handling ~~at least one network~~ device, and the first ~~computer~~ monitoring device is the first ~~computer~~ device to obtain the device information from the image handling ~~at least one network~~ device.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitting step comprises:

transmitting the usage report to the second ~~computer~~ monitoring device at a predetermined time or upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the image handling ~~at least one network~~ device is ~~includes~~ a copier, and the usage report includes a number of copies made by the copier over ~~a~~ the predetermined period.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

translating the usage report into HTML or Excel format.

5. (Currently Amended) A system for monitoring an image handling ~~at least one network~~ device communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:

means for obtaining, by a first monitoring device ~~computer~~ over the network, device information of the ~~at least one network~~ image handling device, the device information including (1) status information obtained from sensors of the image handling ~~at least one network~~ device, and (2) a device identification of the image handling device;

means for storing, by the first monitoring device, the obtained device information;

means for processing the stored device information by the first monitoring device to generate a period usage report for the ~~at least one network~~ image handling device, wherein the period usage report is based on the status information obtained over a predetermined period of time;

means for transmitting the usage report over the network from the first monitoring device ~~computer~~ to a second monitoring device ~~computer~~; and

means for receiving the usage report by the second monitoring device ~~computer~~,

wherein the first monitoring device ~~computer~~ is remote from the ~~at least one network~~ image handling device, and the first ~~computer~~ monitoring device is the first ~~computer~~ device to obtain the device information from ~~the at least one network~~ the image handling device.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for transmitting comprises:

means for transmitting the usage report to the second monitoring device ~~computer~~ at a predetermined time or upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for processing comprises:

means for generating a usage report for a copier, the usage report including a number of copies made by the copier over [[a]] the predetermined period.

8. (Original) The system of claim 5, further comprising:

means for translating the usage report into HTML or Excel format.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer program product having a computer usable medium for monitoring ~~at least one network~~ an image handling device communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:

instructions for obtaining, by a first monitoring device ~~computer~~ over the network, device information of the image handling ~~at least one network~~ device, the device information including (1) status information obtained from sensors of the ~~at least one network~~ image handling device, and (2) a device identification of the image handling device;

instructions for storing, by the first monitoring device, the obtained device information;

instructions for processing by the first monitoring device the stored device information to generate a period usage report for the image handling ~~at least one network~~

device, wherein the period usage report is based on the status information obtained over a predetermined period of time;

instructions for transmitting the usage report over the network from the first ~~computer~~ monitoring device to a second monitoring device ~~computer~~; and

instructions for receiving the usage report by the second monitoring device ~~computer~~,

wherein the first monitoring device ~~computer~~ is remote from the image handling ~~at least one network~~ device, and the first monitoring device ~~computer~~ is the first device ~~computer~~ to obtain the device information from the image handling ~~at least one network~~ device.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for transmitting comprise:

instructions for transmitting the usage report to the second ~~computer~~ monitoring device at a predetermined time or upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

11. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the image handling ~~at least one network~~ device ~~includes~~ is a copier, and the usage report includes a number of copies made by the copier over the [[a]] predetermined period.

12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 9, further comprising:

instructions for translating the usage report into HTML or Excel format.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the processing step comprises:

processing the stored device information to generate the period usage report on one of a monthly and a weekly basis.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for processing comprises:

means for processing the stored device information to generate the period usage report on one of a monthly and a weekly basis.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the processing step comprises:

processing the stored device information to generate the period usage report on one of a monthly and a weekly basis.